



## **BACKPACK WITH RETRACTABLE SHOULDER STRAPS**

### **ABSTRACT**

This invention relates to a backpack having a waist encircling belt, and an attached set of shoulder straps which retract into a discreet pocket when not in use. This invention encompasses a construction in which elements of a set of shoulder straps having clips on one end are carried in, and attached to, a discreet pocket at the other end which is located on the outside, rear panel of the pack where the shoulder straps are readily accessible and can easily be drawn out and attached in the front to the waist encircling belt thusly providing additional support for the pack on an as-needed basis, and having the added benefit of being quickly and easily stowed when not in use.

**15 Claims, 3 Drawing Figures**